

City's Anti-Smut Drive Shifted Into High Gear

Six months ago several hundred irate mothers asked a meeting of the City Council of Torrance to "do something" about the flow of obscene and objectionable literature in this city. This week the Youth Welfare Commission will inaugurate a program, which the Commission members believe will curb the circulation of salacious material within the city's boundaries.

The City Council approved the program after reviewing incorporated changes recommended by the city attorney, Youth Welfare Commission members, during their Thursday meeting, directed John C. Babbitt, acting chairman, to formally inform the city's retailers of the Commission's intention in a letter to be mailed this week.

THE AMENDED "anti-smut" program distinguishes between literature which is obscene and that which is objectionable but not obscene. Retailers selling obscene literature will be prosecuted for violating the State Penal Code. Those selling objectionable literature will not be prosecuted, but it is hoped that the Commission's program will induce them to voluntarily

remove such literature from their racks.

Publications considered obscene, within the scope of the program are those: "That to the average person, applying contemporary standards, the predominant appeal of the matter, taken as a whole, is to prurient interest, i.e., a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters and is matter which is utterly without redeeming social importance." (Sec. 311, State Penal Code.)

A "KEYSTONE" of the Commission's program involves the reaction of civic, fraternal, service clubs, PTA, and church groups to a written request for the appointment of a representative to act as liaison between the citizens and the Commission. The groups which show interest will be asked to make complaint forms available and be kept informed as to Commission activities.

Joseph Piatt, appointed spokesman for the Commission, suggests that the following results are expected from the "anti-smut" program:

- (1) Retailers, as well as interested citizens, will be taking part in maintaining high community standards.
- (2) The plan will make it easier for the retailer who wants to maintain high community standards to do so if he knows that this is what the community wants and that other retailers are following the same pattern.
- (3) A clearer picture of cooperation will be given to the Commission through scheduled and consistent written reports from private citizen groups.
- (4) Law enforcement officers will be relieved of the herculean task of checking for salacious material to which the community objects. It should be noted, however, that enforcement of the law should be made in specific cases.
- (5) The burden of maintain-

ing high community standards will be in the hands of the citizens of the city.

PUBLICATIONS considered objectionable, according to the Commission's criteria, are those which: (1) glorify crime or the criminal, (2) describe in detail ways to commit criminal acts, (3) hold lawful authority in disrespect, (4) exploit horror, cruelty or violence, (5) feature indecent or suggestive writings, photographs or illustrations, (6) carry advertising which is offensive in content or advertise products which may lead to physical or moral harm, (7) use profane speech indiscriminately and repeatedly, (8) hold up to ridicule any national, religious, or racial group.

Retailers and representatives of civic, fraternal and service clubs will be invited to a Commission-sponsored program for a more elaborate explanation of the Commission's goal, a showing of the film, "Perversion for Profit," and to hear speakers from law enforcement, the Commission and other branches of city government.

Anti-Smut Bill Put On Shelf

Proposals to redefine obscene matter and set up a new procedure for enforcement of anti-obscenity laws had their first airing before an assembly committee last week, but action was deferred.

Assemblyman Gordon H. Winston Jr., D-Merced, chairman of the lower house committee on criminal procedure, announced before the hearing that no ac-

tion would be taken on controversial matters. The two bills, AB 877 and 878 by Assemblyman Howard J. Thelin, R-Glendale, definitely were controversial. Following presentation of testimony by witnesses for and against, the hearing was continued.

Thelin's bill would change the present definition of ob-

scene matter by removing the language which exempts any matter which has a single saving grace as art. Committee members noted this had thwarted any attempt to prosecute under the present law.

The Thelin program also would provide for a determination of whether a matter was obscene in a separate hearing

by jury, before any criminal action were taken. If a particular book were adjudged obscene in this manner, any criminal action taken against a person for selling, distributing or possessing such material would be on the basis of such action, rather than the question of whether the material was obscene, as this would have been determined earlier.

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Little League Sets Opening Ceremonies

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